

THE ENVIRONMENT. ACTIVE VOCABULARY

1. drought /draʊt/ = a long period when there is little or no rain
2. a cause /kɔːz/ = an event, thing or person that makes something happen
to cause = to make something happen, usually something bad
3. carbon dioxide - /ˌkɑː(r)bən daɪˈɒksaɪd/
4. regularly - /ˈregjələ(r)li/
5. to trap - /træp/ = to prevent something/ someone from leaving
6. fossil fuel
7. rapid = fast
8. to rise = to go up
9. to wrap - /ræp/ = to cover something by putting paper round it = to package /ˈpækɪdʒ/
10. to reduce /rɪˈdjuːs/ = to make something smaller or less in size, amount, importance
11. waste /weɪst/(uncountable) – things we throw away = rubbish
create waste
dump waste
recycle waste
dispose waste
waste disposal
12. clear up rubbish
pick up rubbish
recycle rubbish
collect rubbish
13. to dump = to get rid of something you do not want
14. biodegradable
15. wasteland = an unattractive area, often with old ruined buildings, factories on it
16. deforestation - the process of removing the trees from an area of land
17. pollution – the process of damaging the air, water or land with chemicals or other substances
reduce pollution
18. to decelerate – to move, progress or drive very slowly
19. an inside of smth – an inner part of smth
20. to scavenge - to search through things that other people have thrown away in order to see if there is anything that you want
21. to give off = to produce
22. to emerge = to appear
23. habitat – the type of place that a particular animal usually lives in or a particular plant usually grows in
24. extinct = an animal or plant which no longer exists
to become extinct
25. to consume = to eat or drink something
consumption
26. to interconnect = to connect two things to or with each other, or to be connected to or with each other
27. to transgress – to do smth that is not allowed by a law
28. a proponent – someone who publicly supports an idea
29. notorious – famous for something bad
30. hazardous – dangerous, especially to people's health or safety
hazardous waste
31. to retaliate – to do something harmful or unpleasant to someone because they have done something harmful or unpleasant to you
32. energy source
33. beyond belief (used for emphasizing how bad smth is)
34. radioactive dust

- 35. shortage – a lack of smth that you need or want
food shortage
- 36. to rely **on** smth/ smb – to trust smb/ smth
- 37. Materials:
- 38. aluminium
- 39. cardboard
- 40. glass
- 41. metal
- 42. paper
- 43. plastic

- 44. to go up = to increase
- 45. to go down = to decrease
- 46. to cut down = to decrease
- 47. to throw away = to get rid of something = to dump
- 48. Vocabulary of change
 - to start **at**
 - to fluctuate – to change frequently
 - fluctuation
 - to reach a pick **of**
 - to level off – to stop becoming more or less, and remain the same
 - to decline – to become less
 - a decline
 - to dip – to move downwards
 - a dip
 - to stand at
 - to overtake – to become better than smb/ smth
 - to grow
 - a growth
 - to range **from** – to include a variety of things